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PART II.

OFFICIAL PAPERS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

Food Situation for the week ending 10th July 1920.

Brief abstract of the special reports regarding the food situation for the week ending 10th July 1920.

Bangalore City.—During the week under report, 65 carts of ragi and 4 carts of paddy came into the bazaar as against 64 carts of ragi and 8 carts of paddy in the previous week.

The price of ragi ranged from Rs. 88 to Rs. 96 per cart during the week against Rs. 87 to Rs. 90 per cart in the previous week.

There is sufficient stock of rice and ragi in the bazaar for consumers to buy.

The Municipal Depot and the three Test Depots are selling Rangoon rice to the poor. The importers are also selling rice to the public at their depots. The transactions in these depots are being watched by the Inspecting Staff.

Mysore City.—No particulars.

Bangalore District.—There were light showers during the week except at Hoskote and Nelamangala; Magadi registered the highest 72 cents and Bangalore the lowest 8 cents. More rain is urgently wanted.

Ploughing and sowing operations are in progress in all the taluks.

Standing crops are reported to be in good condition.

The markets are fairly well supplied. There has been no change in the prices of ragi and rice. Ragi sold from 6½ to 9 seers and rice from 3½ to 4¼ seers per rupee.

Burma rice is available in Government Depots and Co-operative Societies at 4½ to 4¾ seers a rupee.

Mysore District.—No change. Markets are well supplied but prices remain about the same.

Crops are in good condition. Slight rainfall has been general over the district while in the Hunsur Taluk, it has been heavier.

Tumkur District.—There is no change in the situation. Local rice is selling in the bazaar at 4¼ to 4½ seers a rupee. The demand for Burma rice is slackening.

Kolar District.—The rainfall, though general throughout the district, is very inadequate. The ploughing operations are not complete. The raiyats are waiting for more rain. The *Vaisakhi* paddy is completely harvested. The standing crops such as sugar-cane and chillies are reported to be in good condition. Markets are fairly well supplied. Burma rice is being sold in the Taluk Depots though the demand is very slack except in Mulbagal.

Hassan District.—There were good showers of rain during the week in the district except in the Arsikere Taluk where there was only 15 cents of rain.

The markets were fairly well supplied with food grains. *Kar* paddy, sugar-cane and *Gidda* ragi are in a good condition. Mungar crops are reported to be suffering for want of rain in the Arsikere Taluk. Transplanting of *Gidda* ragi in the Hole-Narsipur Taluk was in progress during the week. *Dodda* ragi is being sown in Arsikere Taluk.

The prices are still high.

The prospects of the season are generally good for the present. Rain is urgently wanted in the Arsikere Taluk and more rain is wanted in the other taluks.

Shimoga District.—The rainfall throughout the district for the last week was very favourable. Ploughing and sowing operations are reported to be nearing completion everywhere. The seasonal prospects, on the whole, seem to be good. The food situation, however, remains unchanged and the prices continue high.

Kadur District.—All the markets were well supplied with sufficient quantities of food stuffs at the usual high prices. There appears to be no tendency for the prices to go down.

There was sufficient rainfall during the week.

Chitaldrug District.—During the week under report, the taluks of Jagalur, Holalkere Harihar (Sub-Taluk), Hosdrug and Davangere had rains, the fall ranging from 58 cents to 1 inch 16 cents while there was hardly any in the other taluks.

The prices of food grains remain unchanged.

General (by Food Controller.)—During the week under report, the districts of Kadur, Chitaldrug and Shimoga had good rains. The districts of Bangalore, Kolar, Hassan and Mysore had slight showers but more rain is reported to be urgently wanted for sowing operations. In the Kolar District, it is reported that the *Vaisakhi* crop has been completely harvested.

The markets throughout the State are reported to have been well supplied. The prices of food grains remain almost stationary. In the Bangalore City, the price of ragi went up to 95 rupees per cart load. The price of tuvar-dhal appears to be slightly going down. The paddy market in Mysore and Tumkur is rather dull but prices show no signs of going down.

The June allotment of Burma rice has arrived and been distributed. A portion of the July allotment is expected to arrive in Madras during the course of this week. The demand for Burma rice is slackening in the districts but continues in the Bangalore City and the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore as well as in the Kolar Gold Field.

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Consolidated Allowance.

ORDER NO. FL. 449-98—S. & A. 23-20-1, DATED 19TH JULY 1920.

As the prices of necessaries of life have been ruling high, Government have been sanctioning from time to time the grant of grain and war allowances; the former is being given from June 1918 at rates admissible under the Mysore Account Code, to those in receipt of Rs. 30 and under, and the latter from November 1918, to those in receipt of Rs. 50 and under at the rate of 1 anna in the rupee subject to the minimum of Rs. 2 per mensem. Several representations have been received requesting for a larger measure of relief and the matter